

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02654-APM**

INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH v. UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/04/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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V.

Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/04/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6358094) filed by INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for US Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons for agency, U.S. Dept. of Agric., # <u>4</u> Summons for the Attorney General)(Bader, Hans) (Entered: 09/04/2019)
09/06/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zeg) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/06/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/23/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/23/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/11/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE served on 9/11/2019 (Bader, Hans) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/15/2019)

10/16/2019	<u>6</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before October 30, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See attached order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/16/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/30/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/30/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/30/2019)
10/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 13, 2019, which updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/30/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/30/2019)